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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

- This action is responsive to the following communication: A reply brief filed on 8/4/05.
- The reply brief filed 8/4/05 has been entered and considered. On page 7, the applicants argued the claimed invention (claim 1) recites a data processing device is provided separately from the printer device. The examiner notes that nowhere in claim 1 include such features/limitations. Limitations of claim 1 simply state "a printing system" comprising a host device, data processing device, and print device. Nowhere in claim 1 states that a data processing device disposed separately from print device or nowhere in claim 1 states that data processing device cannot be incorporated within print device. On page 8, the applicants argued claim 13 recites a data processing device to be used in combination with a printer; in other words, the applicants argued data processing device is separated from a printer. "*In combination with*" does not exclusively had to be external of the printer. In broadest interpretation, "*in combination with*" can be interpret as internal and/or external. Nowhere in claim 13 and/or original filed specification indicates that is exclusively had to be an external device (e.g. outside of printer device). The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

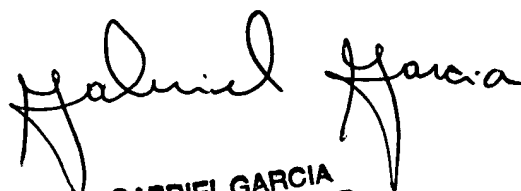
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